

Respectful and Trustworthy Communication

▶ If you have a problem with me - come to me privately.

▶ If I have a problem with you - I'll come to you privately.

▶ If someone else has a problem with me and comes to you - send them to me...I'll do the same for you.

▶ If someone consistently will not come to me, say, "Let's go together, I am sure he will see us about this."...I'll do the same for you.

▶ Be careful how you interpret me - I'd rather do that. On matters that are unclear do not interpret my motives, heart, or feelings - It's easy to misinterpret intentions. Come to me for clarification.

▶ I will try to be careful how I interpret you.

▶ If it's confidential - don't tell.

▶ I do not read unsigned letters or notes - I won't send any either.

▶ I do not manipulate - I will not be manipulated - Do not allow others to try to manipulate me through you.

▶ When you are in doubt, just tell me - I'll do the same for you.

Therefore, putting away lying,
let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, for we are
members of one another...

Let no corrupt communication
proceed out of your mouth,
but that which is good to the use of edifying,
that it may minister grace
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